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FEAR FELT FOR AMERICANS IN VILLA'S PATH

Bandit Threatens "Gringos" at
Parral After Killing Dr.
Fisher at Santa Rosalia.

TEN LIVES ARE IN PERIL

Rumor Has Part of General
Pershing's Expedition Gone
to Protect U. S. Citizens.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 6.—Rumors were current here today that part of General Pershing's expedition has been ordered to Parral to protect American interests there, following capture of that city by Villistas. There is no confirmation from any source, however, and that such a move is even contemplated is denied by General Funston.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 6.—Every energy of the State Department today is being directed toward obtaining knowledge of the fate of the ten Americans known to have been in Parral.

Apprehension was roused to fever heat upon the arrival last night of four Americans who fled from Chihuahua, bringing further reports of the murder of Dr. C. H. Fisher, aged American, in Santa Rosalia by Villista bandits.

THREATEN GRINGOS.
After hunting down and killing Dr. Fisher, the bandits told the inhabitants of the town they were "going to Parral and kill those Gringos," natives reaching Chihuahua city after the raid told the refugees.

In official quarters here hope is held out that the Americans were able to escape before the bandits reached Parral.

General Trevino, commander of the Mexican garrison at Chihuahua City, said he was unable to obtain any news of the fate of the Americans.

"Communication still cut off," said the telegram from Trevino, "and have no information from Parral. Making efforts to get news."

On the same train bringing the American refugees last night were the families of two staff officers of Trevino and the families of seven French residents of the Chihuahua capital leaving there in fear that Villa will next attack that city. They crossed to the American (Continued on Second Page.)

HUGHES AND WILSON, BOTH SECURE OF VICTORY, ENJOY DAY OF REST

WILSON TO WIN WITH 387 VOTES, SAY HIS ADVISERS

Unrestrained Optimism Prevails
at Shadow Lawn Over Elec-
tion Result.

TO RETURN HERE SATURDAY

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Nov. 6.—President Wilson's official family today confidently predicted his election, with 387 votes in the Electoral College.

At no time since the campaign started have those intimate with the autumn White House professed such unrestrained optimism over tomorrow's results, as they did today.

Win or lose, the President expects to return to Washington for the winter, Saturday, but beyond that, he has not revealed his plans. He will leave here Thursday night to participate in the christening of his granddaughter, Baby Sayre, at Williams-town, Mass., and probably will go at once thereafter to Washington.

Tomorrow night, surrounded by his immediate family at Shadow Lawn, he will hear returns over a private wire from the executive offices.

Faces If Problems.
Upon his return to the Capital, the President will have before him the problems growing out of the German submarine attack on the British horse transport *Marina*, with a loss of five American lives.

An answer to this nation's questions is expected from Germany this week. President Wilson spent a quiet day. He played golf in the morning, being accompanied to the links by Mrs. Wilson.

He saw a few callers in the afternoon, among them being Ignace Jan Paderewski, the pianist, who wishes to have an appeal for Polish relief embodied in the President's Thanksgiving proclamation.

Executive In Fine Spirits.
The President was in fine spirits. Those with whom he talked expressed the opinion that "the fight is won."

Many congratulations on "assured reelection" reached him from all parts of the country.

Tomorrow morning a motor trip to Princeton, where he will cast his ballot, is planned.

Loser to Eat Real Crow.
ROSEVILLE, Ill., Nov. 6.—Ernest Muek, Democrat, and Charles Conington, Republican, have made an election bet, by the terms of which the loser will eat crow on the main street of the village next Wednesday night.

An advertisement has been placed in a local newspaper inviting the citizens of the town and surrounding country to witness the feast. Business men have provided a bottle of champagne.

Sunshine Is No Longer Ally of G. O. P.

The old days when good weather on election day meant a big rise in Republican majorities are over. The automobile has done it. The leaders now would rather have rain. In the old days the farmer, who is mostly Republican, would not drive five, ten, or fifteen miles behind Betsy or Tom, or both, over roads hub deep with mud. If the sun shone and the roads were dry it was different.

But now—
The farmer "cranks up," picks up the farmer next door who may possibly not have a car of his own, and in ten minutes has traversed State roads to the polling booth.

On the other hand, if the weather is balmy and inviting the city Republican packs his golf sticks and goes to the course instead of the polling booth.

FALL FROM BRIDGE FATAL TO WOMAN

Miss Bessie M. Walker Plunges
Eighty Feet to Death in
Ravine.

The body of Miss Bessie M. Walker, of 1320 R street northwest, was found lying in the ravine under the Connecticut avenue bridge this morning by a man walking through the woods of Rock creek.

An examination by Coroner Nevitt disclosed the fact that her back and both shoulder blades were broken, convincing the police that the woman fell or jumped from the bridge.

Following an autopsy at the District morgue, the coroner decided to give a certificate of suicide.

William Walker, of 1320 R street, whose name was found on a receipt in the woman's handbag, identified the body as that of his daughter.

He told the police that she left home about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon after eating a hearty dinner to take a walk. Nothing more was heard of her, he said.

Never Spoke of Suicide.
Questioned by the coroner, the father said that his daughter had complained of pains in her head and had occasionally shown signs of despondency. He added, however, that he had never heard her intimate that she would take her life.

Central Office Detectives Armstrong and O'Brien, who hurried to the scene, found a number of broken branches on the thin trees just over the spot where the body was found, indicating that some bulky object had crashed through them.

The fact that the woman was lying flat on her back and her clothes only slightly disheveled at first led the police to believe that she might have become ill while walking through the ravine.

Bones Broken By Fall.
The coroner's examination, however, showed the broken bones and other signs of a violent fall. A small mirror in her handbag was smashed.

Miss Walker was forty-three years old. Her father said she was born in New Hampshire, but had spent most of her life at Montreal, Canada, coming to Washington from the latter place about five years ago.

"BIG FOUR" STATES HOLD BALANCE OF POWER

Presidency Likely to Be Decided
in New York, Illinois, Ohio,
and Indiana.

HANDICAP WITH WILSON

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Tomorrow the American voter says who will be the next President of the United States; dictates who will compose the Senate and chooses members of the House of Representatives.

Viewing the situation today, twenty-four hours in advance of the battle of the ballots, and with claims from both Democrats and Republicans of victory, it appeared that the people of New York, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana would come the nearest to holding the balance of power.

Both sides claim this "big four" of States. Their total in the Electoral College is 113—nearly 45 per cent of the 266 votes necessary to a choice.

The strictest neutral—or even the strongest Republican—for that matter, conceded the Democrats the "Solid South"—a block of 135 votes. This 135 comprises the electoral votes of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Oklahoma.

Missouri and Kentucky Disputed.
It does not include Missouri and Kentucky, heretofore classified as component parts of the Solid South, and this year claimed by Democrats still to be in that section, but adjudged by Republicans to be debatable ground.

In the Presidential race, therefore, Republican Candidate Hughes starts off with his opponent given a handicap of seven States—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and Iowa.

That leaves Wilson with a net handicap in the vote race of sixty-six shares in the Electoral College.

But unless there is a cataclysm in the voting tomorrow, the strictly neutral States—the 113 votes of the "big four"—will be the real turning point in the election. The Democrats claimed all four today. So did the Republicans.

Illinois Real Enigma.
In Illinois lies the real enigma—close to the 80,000 new women voters. Because they are new in their exercise of the franchise, and because they are women, political prognosticators were exceedingly shy in making any predictions on the Sucker State today.

In New York—the State with the big forty-five votes in the Electoral College—the problem the Republicans faced was to keep the New York city normal Democratic majority down and boost up the normal Republican up-State majority to as high a point as possible.

Publicly, the last minute claims on both sides were in a state of confusion. Republicans—Hughes will win by from 100,000 to 150,000.

Democrats—Wilson will win by at least 100,000.

Indiana and Ohio have been strenuous because of the "big four" vote.

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Betting Odds Shorten On Election Eve

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Following the publication of numerous newspaper polls yesterday and today showing that the Presidential contest is the closest of recent years, betting odds shortened appreciably. Larger wagers were made at odds of 10 to 9, with Hughes on the long end. Small bets usually were placed at even money.

Odds on New York State were placed at 10 to 7 and 10 to 6, with Democrats taking the short end. Whitman ruled a 2 to 1 favorite, and layers reported no McCombs money in sight. They were ready to offer 5 to 1 and 6 to 1 on Caldwell.

In the middle West there were many wagers made at 10 to 9 with Wilson on the long end. Even money was bet on Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and some even money was placed on Wisconsin.

ALLIES' ATTACKS ON SOMME COST DEAR

Berlin Reports Defeat of Foe
With Heavy Loss—London
and Paris Admit Repulse.

BERLIN (via Sayville), Nov. 6.—The troops of General Baron Marchall, von Deimling, and von Garnier withstood unshaken, and inflicted severe defeat to the enemy, the war office announced today, in describing the fighting of yesterday. The English and French "with strongest forces and using the whole firing capacity of their artillery" took part in the offensive, the announcement said.

The statement said:
"In a continuous battle on the Somme November 5 was again a fighting day of the first class. The English and French, with their strongest forces and using the whole firing capacity of their artillery, made a powerful advance against the front of General von Buelow's army."

Inflict Defeat On Allies.
"The troops under command of General Baron Marchall, von Deimling, and von Garnier withstood the attack unshaken, and inflicted severe defeat to the enemy."

"Parts of the Strassburg corps and Saxen-Haden, and troops from Berlin and Hanseatic and Mecklenburg infantry regiments, gained special distinction."

The allied enemies on the whole front from Lesard to Bouchavesnes, on a front about twenty kilometers long, on which they attacked, suffered heavy and sanguinary losses, and accomplished nothing except a small local gain on the north part of St. Pierre Vaast wood.

"Whenever the enemy in other places advanced on our lines, he was immediately ejected and left ten officers, 310 men and booty in our hands."

Prisoners and Guns taken.
"Northeast of Le Sars more than seventy prisoners and eleven machine guns were brought in."

"Near Soissons, a feeble attack by French detachments was repulsed."

On the front held by the crown prince on the right of the Meuse, the statement reported only violent artillery and hand grenade fighting.

**GERMAN ATTACKS
REGAIN LOST GROUND**
British Forced to Evacuate Positions, Haig Reports.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—A strong German attack during the night forced the British to evacuate a portion of the ground recently won in the neighborhood of Butte de Warlencourt, General Haig reported to the war office today.

East of Le Rœufs, the British consolidated the positions taken in their gains of yesterday, General Haig reported, and three times made successful raids on enemy trenches in the Armentieres and Ypres sectors.

**Germans Recapture
Positions Near Sailly**
PARIS, Nov. 6.—German counter attacks which followed yesterday's important advances against newly consolidated French positions between St. Pierre Vaast wood and the village of Sailly-Sailliez, were partially successful in the wood and at Sailly, the war office announced today.

The counter attacks were made late last night and some ground was gained by them. Elsewhere the enemy was repulsed.

Violent cannonading was reported about Damloup, but no infantry action in that region.

**MAY PROBE ALLEGED
FALSE REGISTRATION**
SALEM, N. J., Nov. 6.—A searching investigation was predicted today as the result of the arrest of thirteen workmen in the du Pont powder works at Carney's Point late last night on the charge of having registered falsely to vote in tomorrow's election.

HUGHES CONFIDENT OF HIS ELECTION TOMORROW

Republican Nominee Refuses to
Add to His Claims Made on
Stump.

WITH FAMILY AT HOTEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—One week ago today Charles Evans Hughes began saying publicly: "If I am elected President, I expect to be."

That qualifying phrase of confidence stood today as the Republican candidate's single idea of the result tomorrow.

He refused to add to it by any further formal claims, but remained quietly at the Hotel Astor, visiting with his family, his only political activity of the day being a visit to Republican national headquarters for a conference with Chairman Wilcox.

The Republican nominee finishes the campaign as probably the best-trained individual, physically, that ever made a Presidential race.

Practiced As He Preached.
He has preached "America first and America efficient" everywhere, and at the same time done his best to live up to the idea of efficiency in his own personal work.

He is only a trifle under the weight he carried when he resigned from the Supreme Bench. His skin is clearer, his muscles harder, his eyes keener, strenuous but carefully mapped out life he has led as a campaigner in the most vigorous canvass for votes a Presidential candidate ever undertook.

Hughes has lived as apartan a life as any athlete training for a football game, and is just as coolly confident of the result tomorrow as the head coach of a college team would want his eleven's captain to be.

Tomorrow night Hughes will gather his family together in his private apartment in the Hotel Astor and get the returns from the Republican national committee over a private telephone wire.

The fact that the candidate declined with thanks offers of private telegraph wires and wanted only summarized news, as opposed to fragmentary, returns, was another indication today of his attitude of complete confidence. He expects to vote early in the day from the polls in the precinct where the Hotel Astor is located.

Will Take Long Rest.
Regardless of whether the former justice is elected tomorrow, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes plan to take a good, long rest. The candidate has been the one on whom the public thought most of the labor of campaigning fell—but in return Mrs. Hughes has had just as much of a burden to carry as her husband.

It was Mrs. Hughes' self-imposed duty to see to it that the government was in condition; that he had proper food; that his private car was warm enough or cool enough; that he had a place quickly to change from perspiration-soaked garments to dry clothes after his speeches—and a thousand other odd details pertaining to his comfort.

Moreover, those who traveled with the Hughes party discovered very quickly that the candidate placed a very great deal of reliance on Mrs. Hughes as a political adviser.

**Election Bettors
Violators of Law**
Liable to Fine or \$500 or Ninety Days' Imprisonment, or Both.

Any person in the District of Columbia who lays a bet on the running qualities of President Wilson or Candidate Charles E. Hughes is a violator of an offense against public policy and liable to a fine "not exceeding \$500 or be imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both."

The code of law of the District says so, and it's supposed to preach the gospel of righteousness to citizens of the District.

The law prohibiting election bets reads:
"It shall be unlawful for any person or association of persons to bet, gamble, or make books or pools on the result of any trotting or running race of horses, or boat race or race of any kind, or on an election, or any contest of any kind, or game of baseball."

"Any person or association of persons violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not exceeding \$500 or be imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both."

**SUPREME COURT WILL
REVIEW LAND CASE**
The Supreme Court today agreed to review the Oregon-California land case, involving millions of dollars worth of land granted by the Government to railroads in the two States.

The land has been in litigation for years—Congress at its last session passed a law ordering the sale of the land, the railroads to get \$250 an acre, the original sale price to settlers under the grant.

The case went back to the courts, and the Department of Justice petitioned the court to review the whole case on its merits.

The court was asked to determine whether lower court decrees, handed down before Congress passed its act, and ordering the disposal of the lands, were in conformity with a former decree of the Supreme Court.

U. S. SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE, LONDON HEARS

The Lanao Sent Down October
28—Thirty Members of
Crew Land in Wales.

NORWEGIANS RESCUE MEN

Bureau of Navigation Still Un-
certain as to Registry of
the Steamer.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—The American steamer Lanao has been sunk by a submarine, a Lloyd's dispatch stated today. The vessel was sunk October 28. Thirty members of the crew were landed at Barry, Wales, by the Norwegian steamer Tromp. The Lanao is a steel screw steamer of 692 tons, whose port of registry is Manila. She is owned by the Findlay-Miller Steamship Company.

The United States Bureau of Navigation today was uncertain as to the registry of the Lanao, although the Maritime Registry of November 1 lists her as flying the United States flag.

On July 26 the United States consul general at London reported the Lanao as on the point of being sold by the Findlay-Miller company, an English-controlled concern, to Hans Hannevig, of Christiania. Whether the sale was consummated is not known.

AGUILAR SARCASTIC IN U-BOAT REPLY

Mexican Answer to British Protest
Shows Some Resentment.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 6.—Foreign Minister Aguilar today replied to Great Britain's note demanding that Mexican neutrality be rigorously enforced as regards the German submarine believed to be operating in territorial waters of the southern republic.

The British note, sent through Secretary of State Lansing, and warning against assistance being afforded the Teuton submarine, created strongly unfavorable feeling, which expressed itself in Aguilar's reply.

The Carranza foreign minister first pointed out that he failed to see why the British note should have been sent through the State Department of the United States instead of direct to the Mexican foreign office.

He declared Mexican neutrality would be enforced, but pointed out that Mexico would not be held responsible for German submarine operations off her coasts than could the United States, which he held responsible for the recent activities of the U-53 off Nantucket, after that undersea fighter had entered an American port.

Veiled Sarcasm.
The reply, with thinly veiled sarcasm, suggests that the best way to assure continued friendly relations between the two governments is for the British fleet to prevent German submarines from leaving their bases, thus eliminating any chance for disagreement.

The Carranza foreign office, Aguilar declares, will, however, permit no violation of its neutrality by any warships of the belligerent nations.

Denied U. S. Transmitted Note.
State Department officials today denied the United States Government had transmitted to Mexico City a note from the British government warning Mexico against harboring German submarines.

This was stated in a Mexico City dispatch giving the text of a note from the Mexican government.

It was learned the State Department had received from the allied governments intimations that bases of supplies for German submarines had been established in the vicinity of the Mexican coast. This was transmitted to the Carranza government as information, and was not intended as an official document.

**THOUSANDS CHEER AT
REBIRTH OF POLAND**
Warsaw Enthusiastic Over Proclamation of Independence.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 6.—Demonstrations which lasted until far into the night followed the reading of the proclamation announcing the granting of independence to Poland in Warsaw, semi-official dispatches from the Polish capital said today.

Thousands stood bare-headed in front of the castle and town hall singing the national anthem, the entire scene being illuminated only by dim candle light.

In a speech following the reading of the proclamation, General von Bessler expressed the hope that the Poles would soon join the Germans in fighting the allies.

"The Polish state is now coming into life," the general said. "Let us hope that the Polish army soon will voluntarily join the banners of its protection."

CALL
800 MAIN
ELECTION NIGHT

By arrangement with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, a special election telephone service has been installed for

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In a room in the Munsey Building, which will be exclusively devoted to giving the latest election returns to the thousands of Times readers.

A special corps of operators will have charge of this service, and to them will come the complete Election Bulletin services of both the United Press and the Western Union Telegraph Company. This insures the most rapid collection and tabulation of returns and the instant availability to every one who calls The Times of the latest news from all points.

The Times invites all its friends to use the service as freely as they wish.

Electric Bulletins
The returns will also be displayed by electric lanterns on a screen in front of the Munsey Building. Motion pictures and cartoons will supplement the news.

Times Extras
Times Extras will be issued as fast as the returns develop important news.

Seven Killed As Train "Runs Wild"

Engineer Loses Control of Freight
Which Crashes Into En-
gines on Siding.

ALTOONA, Pa., Nov. 6.—Seven trainmen dead, four slightly injured, and forty-seven loaded cars and five freight engines demolished, was the toll taken when an engineer lost control of a train of sixty cars on the Pennsylvania railroad near the top of the Allegheny mountains today and the runaway dashed into four empty engines standing on the "Y" switches near Hollidaysburg. The escape of a number of trainmen was miraculous.

The dead:
W. A. BAKER, engineer, Juniata.
A. L. RISING, engineer, Derry.
R. C. SCHIRM, conductor.
R. C. JACKSON, engineer, Youngwood.
FRANK FRY, brakeman.
W. M. THOMPSON, brakeman.
J. P. GORTEN, brakeman.

Company officials said the wreck was the worst smash-up on record, the financial loss reaching more than \$100,000.

Denial by Burleson.
"Of course it isn't true," said Postmaster General Burleson today, with regard to the statement issued by former Postmaster General Wanamaker, alleging that postmasters throughout the country were to be coerced into voting for Wilson.

Woman 99 to Cast First Vote for Hughes

CHICAGO, Nov. 6.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Clarke, ninety-nine, said here today she would cast her first vote for Charles E. Hughes.

Centenarian to Walk to Polls to Vote for Hughes

OSWEGO, N. Y., Nov. 6.—Henry Hill Watson, 103 years old, will walk from his home in Edward street to the polling place, several blocks distant, tomorrow to vote for Hughes.